

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 9, 2011

Agenda Item: 2011 Deer, Elk and Antelope Quotas Outside Biennial Quota Range

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Proposed Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

Field surveys have identified proposed quota changes in five mule deer license types, three elk license types and six antelope license types that are outside the biennial quota ranges adopted in February 2010. To address this, these same adjustments are proposed for FWP Commission adoption and are listed below with corresponding proposed adjustments to quota ranges. All other changes and/or maintenance of 2010 elk, deer and antelope quotas for 2011 are within the adopted biennial quota ranges and do not require the additional commission approval.

MULE DEER

- 410-00: Decrease antlerless B licenses from 25 to 5; adjust range from 25 – 600 to 5 – 600
- 417-00: Decrease antlerless B licenses from 50 to 5; adjust range from 25 – 600 to 5 – 600
- 419-00: Decrease antlerless B licenses from 50 to 5; adjust range from 25 – 400 to 5 – 400
- 426-00: Decrease antlerless B licenses from 50 to 5; adjust range from 25 – 700 to 5 – 700
- 007-13: Decrease antlerless B licenses from unlimited to 2500

ELK

- 210:80: Increase antlerless B licenses from 300 to 600; adjust range from 5 – 400 to 5 – 600
- 211-80: Increase antlerless B licenses from 150 to 300; adjust range from 5 – 200 to 5 – 300
- 314-80: Decrease antlerless B licenses from 1000 to 200; adjust range from 1000 – 2000 to 200 – 2000

ANTELOPE

- 630-00: Decrease antelope ES licenses from 150 to 10; adjust range from 50 – 500 to 10 – 500
- 630-10: Decrease antelope D/F licenses from 10 to 5; adjust range from 100 – 200 to 5 – 200
- 670-00: Decrease antelope ES licenses from 350 to 25; adjust range from 200 – 500 to 25 – 500
- 670-10: Decrease antelope D/F licenses from 25 to 10; adjust range from 15 – 200 to 10 – 200
- 700-00: Decrease ES licenses from 11,000 to 9000; adjust range from 11,000 – 15,000 to 9000 – 15,000
- 700-10: Decrease D/F licenses from 2000 to 500; adjust range from 1600 – 11,000 to 500 – 11,000

Public Involvement Process & Results

The public comment period for any adopted proposal will run through 5 PM Monday, July 11, with Final adoptions at the July 14 commission meeting in Helena.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends the commission adopt these proposed 2011 adjustments outside the previously adopted biennial quota ranges. This approach maintains the integrity of the adopted biennial ranges and, more important, adheres to survey-based management prescriptions.

Proposed Motion: I move the FWP Commission adopt the proposed adjustments to 2011 deer, elk and antelope quotas outside the biennial range as proposed by FWP.